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For the Year 1955

To the Chairman and Members of the Council:

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting the following report on the sanitary circumstances of the district for the year 1955.

The first three months of the year were comparatively quiet and called for little comment except that there were signs that an outbreak of measles might be expected. By March the numbers were already rising, but by the end of April the increase was alarming and the epidemic was sustained at this level until the end of July.

The total number of cases by the end of the year was the highest yet recorded since the disease first became notifiable in 1939.

None of these cases were treated in hospital, which might be taken as an indication that the complications were not generally severe as nowadays only cases with severe complications and those in which the home conditions are unsatisfactory are admitted to hospital.

There were 28 cases of Scarlet Fever, which is a little below the yearly average for the past ten years.

There was an increase in the number of cases of Puerperal Pyrexia from 42 in 1954 to 57 in 1955.

This does not appear to be directly related to the number of births, although the latter also showed an increase during 1955. Compared with previous years, it is observed that in 1952 there were 62 cases of Puerperal Pyrexia notified and in 1953 there were 37 cases.

The number of cases of Whooping Cough has remained constantly low since 1951 and therefore a considerable increase might reasonably be expected before long.

There were 12 paralytic cases of Poliomyelitis, which is the highest recorded in the district since 1941. All these cases were treated in hospital and none were fatal, but it is not known how many may have suffered permanent disabilities.

It is disappointing to notice a slight increase in both Dysentery and Food Poisoning in spite of propaganda on food hygiene. Both of these diseases might be regarded as avoidable and unnecessary and with a little more co-operation from the public with regard to personal cleanliness and attention to the simplest matters of elementary personal hygiene, particularly on the part of those who are in

any way connected with food handling or preparation, the disease need not occur at all.

The number of new cases of Tuberculosis has once again remained remarkably constant and I am happy to observe that there were no deaths from this cause.

One case of Paratyphoid Fever was recorded and although it was believed to have been caused by imported eggs or egg products this was not confirmed

The total number of births and deaths both show a slight increase and once again the principal cause of death is diseases of the heart and malignant diseases second.

The population of the district continues to increase, the actual increase during 1955 being 1,950, giving a total of 47,190.

For several years I have commented in my annual report on the unsatisfactory state of general sanitation due to overflowing cesspools, the lack of land or other method for the disposal of cesspool contents, and the nuisances arising from this state of affairs.

The district is densely populated and less rural in character than the average rural district elsewhere. It is surrounded by Urban Communities on all sides, and also within its own boundaries it contains urbanised centres of considerable size.

There is scarcely any land left where cesspool contents can be disposed of without giving rise to complaint. The distance which these emptyings have to be carried to new disposal points gets further and further and more and more costly as time proceeds. In parallel with this the number of occupiers having to be refused additional emptyings over and above the monthly service provided by the Council continues to increase. The Public Cleansing Officer has reported that during the year 222 additional premises required attention and that in some instances, old systems which had been working as septic tanks but which have reached the end of their useful life as such now operate as cesspools.

In addition to the above it is disturbing to find that in this district 504 pail closets are being emptied each week by the Cleansing Department.

The only solution to the inadequate sanitation in this district is main drainage, and the installation of main drainage should be regarded as a necessity, and a matter of urgency.

The work of the Health Department in connection with housing matters has continued to increase throughout the year and the lot of the Sanitary Inspectors may be expected to become even heavier with the coming into operation presently of the new Food Hygiene Regulations.

The work of the department has, however, gone smoothly throughout the year, and I am grateful to the staff and my fellow Officers for all the assistance I have received.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

G. M. HOBBIN,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION I

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (Land and Inland Water)	...	...	...	35,537 acres
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1955 (according to Rate Books)	...	...	...	14,149
Rateable value at 1.4.55	...	...	...	£473,744
Product of Penny Rate 1954/1955	...	...	...	£1,827 9s. 1d.
Population. Registrar General's estimate for mid-year 1955	...	...	...	47,190

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	396	345	741
Illegitimate	...	...	13	15	28
			—	—	—
Totals	...	...	409	360	769
			—	—	—
Birth Rate per 1,000 population			...	...	16.3
National Rate	...	...	...	...	15.0
Comparability Factor	...	...	...	...	0.94

Still Births			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	3	8	11
Illegitimate	...	...	—	1	1
			—	—	—
Totals	...	...	3	9	12
			—	—	—
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Births	...	...	...	...	15.36
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	...	...	...	...	0.25
National Rate per 1,000 Population	...	...	...	...	23.0

Deaths			Male	Female	Total
Totals	...	...	227	209	436
			—	—	—
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population			...	...	9.24
Corrected Death Rate—allowing for sex and age (comparability factor=0.98)	...	...	...	...	9.05
National Death Rate	...	...	...	...	11.7
Ratio of Corrected Death Rate to National	...	...	...	...	0.77

Infant Mortality (Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age)			Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	...	...	12	7	19
Illegitimate	...	...	1	—	1
			—	—	—
Totals	...	...	13	7	20
			—	—	—
Death Rate for all Infants per 1,000 Live Births			...	...	26.0

National Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	24·9
Death Rate for Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	25·64
Death Rate for Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	35·71

Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age)

			<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	9	4	13
Illegitimate	...	...	—	—	—
Totals	9	4	13

Death Rate for all Infants under 4 weeks per 1,000 Live Births	16·905
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Mortality of Children under 2 years from Enteritis and Diarrhoea

Total Deaths	Nil
Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Maternal Mortality (Deaths due to or associated with pregnancy and childbearing)

Total from all causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Death Rate per 1,000 live births and still births	...	...	...	...	...	...	1·28
National Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	0·64

CAUSES OF DEATH in the Eton Rural District during 1955

					<i>Male Female Total</i>		
All Causes ...					227	209	436
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	...	...	...	—	—	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	—	1	1
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal Infections	...	...	...	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	1	—	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	6	2	8
11.	Malignant neoplasm, bronchus	...	...	...	10	2	12
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	—	10	10
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	2	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	...	...	...	24	14	38
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	1	2
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	4	4	8
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	26	42	68
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	41	30	71
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	3	4	7
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	28	45	73
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	8	4	12
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	1	—	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	12	5	17
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	12	8	20
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system	...	...	...	1	1	2
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	1	1	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	1	2	3
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	2	3	5
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	1	—	1
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth abortion	...	...	...	—	1	1
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	2	1	3
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	24	17	41
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	10	—	10
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	6	6	12
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	2	2	4
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	—	1	1

TABLE I

Deaths and Death Rates per 1,000 Population from Principal Causes, 1951-1955

<i>Disease</i>	1951		1952		1953		1954		1955	
	<i>No. of Deaths</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>No. of Deaths</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>No. of Deaths</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>No. of Deaths</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>	<i>No. of Deaths</i>	<i>Death Rate</i>
T.B. Respiratory	6	0.14	9	0.20	5	0.11	1	0.02	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	1	0.01	1	0.02	—	—	—	—
Malignant Diseases of all types ...	80	1.86	92	2.00	87	1.78	90	1.99	70	1.48
Diseases of the Heart, all types ...	156	3.63	128	2.92	123	2.76	129	2.85	151	3.20
Pneumonia	18	0.42	10	0.23	20	0.44	15	0.33	17	0.36
Bronchitis	22	0.51	20	0.46	19	0.43	13	0.28	20	0.42
Suicide	4	0.09	5	0.11	3	0.07	4	0.09	4	0.08
Diabetes	—	—	2	0.04	—	—	1	0.02	8	0.16
Vascular Lesions of the nervous system	68	1.58	80	1.82	41	0.93	59	1.30	68	1.44

TABLE II

Comparison of Local and National Birth Rates, Death Rates and Infant Mortality Rates from 1945 to 1955

Year	Birth Rates per 1,000 Population		Death Rates per 1,000 Population		Infant Mortality Rates (i.e. under 1 year of age) per 1,000 Live Births	
	Eton Rural District	England and Wales	Eton Rural District	England and Wales	Eton Rural District	England and Wales
1945	17.2 (659)	16.1	10.8 (413)	11.4	24.3 (16)	46.0
1946	18.06 (705)	19.1	10.1 (393)	11.5	45.4 (32)	43.0
1947	19.4 (776)	20.5	10.4 (417)	12.0	33.5 (26)	41.0
1948	16.07 (681)	17.9	9.9 (421)	10.8	29.3 (20)	34.0
1949	16.64 (684)	16.7	10.2 (420)	11.7	10.2 (23)	11.7
1950	15.6 (649)	15.8	10.0 (415)	11.7	21.6 (14)	29.8
1951	14.74 (634)	15.5	10.77 (463)	12.5	28.39 (18)	29.6
1952	14.59 (640)	15.3	10.25 (450)	11.3	28.13 (18)	27.6
1953	15.80 (698)	15.5	9.40 (414)	11.4	33.00 (23)	26.8
1954	16.18 (732)	15.2	8.95 (405)	11.3	27.29 (20)	25.5
1955	16.29 (769)	15.0	9.24 (436)	11.7	26.00 (20)	24.9

NOTE: The actual numbers are given in parenthesis for the purpose of clearer comparison.

TABLE III

Causes of Death of all Infants under 1 year, and Analysis of Age at Death

(From local returns before correction to place of residence.)

<i>Cause</i>	0-1 <i>day</i>	1-7 <i>days</i>	1-4 <i>weeks</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>under</i> <i>4 weeks</i>	1-3 <i>months</i>	3-6 <i>months</i>	6-9 <i>months</i>	9-12 <i>months</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>under</i> <i>1 year</i>
Pneumonia 	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
Congenital Malformation 	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Prematurity 	5	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
Other Developmental Conditions ...	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	4
All other causes 	4	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	5
Totals ...	14	2	1	17	2	2	-	-	21

SECTION II

TUBERCULOSIS

TABLE IV

Age Periods	New Cases and Hospital Admissions								
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Combined Totals	Number Admitted to Hospital	
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
0-1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-15	3	2	5	—	1	1	6	—	—
15-25	4	3	7	—	—	—	7	5	3
25-35	3	3	6	1	2	3	9	3	2
35-45	3	1	4	2	1	3	7	2	1
45-55	6	—	6	—	—	—	6	1	4
55-65	3	—	3	—	—	—	3	7	4
65 and over	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals ...	23	9	32	3	4	7	39	18	14

TABLE V
NOTIFICATION REGISTER

	<i>Pulmonary</i>			<i>Non-Pulmonary</i>			<i>Combined Totals</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>	
No. on Register on 1st January, 1955	296	237	533	68	57	125	658
No. entered by Notification	23	9	32	3	4	7	39
No. entered other than by Notification	17	26	43	1	—	1	44
Number removed from Register due to :—							
(a) Death	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Removal from District	14	6	20	1	—	1	21
(c) De-Notification	2	3	5	—	—	—	5
No. remaining on Register at 31st December, 1955...	320	263	583	71	61	132	715

TABLE VI

MORTALITY

Comparison of Deaths from Tuberculosis during 1955 with Previous Years

Year	Population	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Combined Totals	Death Rate Per 1,000 Population
		Male	Female	Male	Female		
1945	38,150	8	3	1	-	12	0.32
1946	39,020	3	5	-	1	9	0.23
1947	39,910	14	5	1	-	20	0.50
1948	42,370	9	3	-	-	12	0.28
1949	41,100	6	2	2	-	10	0.24
1950	41,400	5	1	-	-	6	0.14
1951	42,990	3	3	1	1	8	0.18
1952	43,870	5	4	1	-	10	0.23
1953	44,170	5	-	-	-	5	0.11
1954	45,240	1	-	-	1	2	0.44
1955	47,190	-	-	-	-	-	-

Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis

The sites of infection in new cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified were as follows:—

Site	Male		Female	
Right Kidney	1
Abdomen	1
Spine	1
Testes	-
Anal Fistula	-
Kidneys	1
Right Knee	-

SECTION III

LABORATORY

The following specimens have been examined at the Public Health Services Laboratory, Reading.

Throat swabs	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Faeces	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Sputum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nasal swabs	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Blood sample	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

SECTION IV

MISCELLANEOUS

Staff Examinations (Superannuation, etc.)	...	...	...	27
Rehousing on Medical Grounds (Number of cases investigated)				25
National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951				
<i>Section 50</i> —Number of burials arranged	...	...		1
<i>Section 47</i> —Number of cases investigated as in need of care and attention...	...	...	...	9
Number of cases removed to hospital or other Institutions by Court Order	...			1
Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, Article 20				
Number of investigations	...	...	...	10

TABLE VII

Prevalence of Notifiable Diseases

Showing cases notified during 1955, numbers admitted to hospitals and deaths. Also notifications for 1945-1954.

Disease	Cases Notified 1955	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Deaths 1955	Notifications									
				1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945
Smallpox ...	—	—	—	39	153	78	11	39	54	33	37	59	—
Scarlet Fever ...	28	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	59
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Paratyphoid ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	57	56	—	42	37	62	35	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	26	11	17	33	51	16	24	—	2	4	2	2	25
Erysipelas ...	2	—	—	4	4	1	—	10	7	19	8	26	10
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	711	—	—	29	670	411	663	155	225	450	297	377	426
Whooping Cough ...	43	—	—	32	72	22	109	58	74	157	69	77	36
Meningococcal Infection ...	2	2	—	1	1	2	—	2	—	6	5	—	4
Poliomyelitis—													
(a) Paralytic ...	12	12	—	1	7	10	—	3	6	8	8	1	5
(b) Non-Paralytic ...	3	2	—	3	2	4	2	7	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis—													
(a) Infective ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Post Infectious ...	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	14	10	—	8	3	—	1	17	1	2	1	—	—
Food Poisoning ...	6	—	—	1	5	1	—	4	33	—	—	—	—
Malaria (contracted abroad) ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis—													
Pulmonary ...	32	18	—	23	36	32	30	24	39	27	42	20	13
Non-Pulmonary ...	7	2	—	6	5	4	10	3	3	3	6	12	12

TABLE VIII

Analysis of Notifiable Diseases in Age Groups

Disease	Ages in Years of Cases Notified												
	Under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-65	Over 65	Age unknown
Scarlet Fever ...	1	1	1	3	5	11	2	2	-	1	1	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	2	7	3	3	8	11	1	3	1	3	-	-	1
Measles ...	17	58	79	86	78	364	11	7	5	-	1	1	4
Pneumonia ...	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	4	10	7	-
Poliomyelitis— Paralytic ...	2	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic ...	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	24	10	-	-	1
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	-	1	-	2	-	9	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis: (a) Infective ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Post Infectious ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-

N.B.—Tuberculosis shown in separate table.

TABLE IX

Showing Monthly Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Scarlet Fever...	—	2	5	8	4	3	3	—	1	—	1	1
Whooping Cough ...	1	1	—	10	9	2	1	16	—	2	—	1
Measles ...	13	27	82	141	130	137	172	4	2	2	1	—
Pneumonia ...	4	6	7	4	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	1
Poliomyelitis— (a) Paralytic (b) Non-Paralytic ...	— —	— —	— 1	— —	— —	— —	— —	1 —	4 —	5 —	1 1	1 1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	5	—	5	5	5	3	12	4	5	6	2	5
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Food Poisoning ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	1	3	2	2	1	2	3	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis— Pulmonary ... Non-Pulmonary ...	4 —	7 1	1 —	2 1	3 —	2 1	4 1	1 1	1 —	1 —	3 1	3 1
Acute Encephalitis— (a) Infective ... (b) Post Infectious	— —	— —	— 1	— 1	— 1	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —	— —

TABLE X

Showing Cases of Notifiable Diseases occurring in each Parish in the Area

Disease	Burn- ham	Datchet	Denham	Dorney	Farnham	Fulmer	Gerrards Cross	Hedger- ley	Horton	Iwer	Stoke Poges	Taplow	Wexham	Wray- bury
Scarlet Fever ...	1	8	4	1	-	-	3	-	-	3	4	1	1	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	9	-	-	-	3	-	-	18	-	1	9	3
Measles ...	157	104	69	11	14	-	14	1	7	152	34	34	102	12
Pneumonia ...	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	-	1	2	-
Poliomyelitis— (a) Paralytic ... (b) Non-Paralytic	2 -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	1 -	- -	3 -	- -	4 3	- -	- -	- -	- -
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2	-	-
Encephalitis— (a) Infective ... (b) Post Infectious	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- 3	- -	- -	- -	- -
Tuberculosis— Pulmonary ... Non-Pulmonary	4 3	4 -	1 -	- -	2 -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	8 3	2 -	5 -	2 1	3 -

TABLE XI
Immunisation and Re-immunisations

Type	Primary Immunisation				Re- Immunisation
	Age at Date of Final Injection			Total	
	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years		
Diphtheria only	7	15	29	51	781
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough combined	306	140	9	455	—
Whooping Cough only ...	—	—	—	—	—

PROTECTION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis was carried out at schools on children between 13 and 14 years of age in respect of whom consent forms had been received.

A preliminary skin test is performed to ascertain those in need of treatment and this is followed by inoculation 4 to 7 days later.

A certain number refused treatment and a few failed to return the consent forms. Some others in respect of whom consent forms had been received failed to keep the appointments for treatment.

The relevant figures are as follows:—

<i>Total Number in age group</i>	<i>Number who consented</i>	<i>Total Number treated</i>
156	124	76

SECTION VI

WATER

The arrangements for the supply of piped water generally remained unchanged except that in the case of the Parish of Wraysbury an extension of main in the Hythe End area has afforded some measure of relief, where, as indicated in the Report for 1954, evidence of chemical pollution was noted in private pump supplies. Details given by the Water Undertakings (given later) show that 15,389 yards (1954 6,301 yards) of water main were laid.

Whilst the Hythe End extension of main was completed about the middle of the year, further consideration was being given to the provision of main water supplies to some 634 other properties in the Wraysbury area as yet without this essential service.

Details given by the several Undertakings were as follows:—

Borough of Slough

Mains laid—

Wexham (Church Lane)	...	...	...	53 yds. of 3-in.
Wexham (Dawes Moor Estate)	...	...	...	280 yds. of 3-in.
Wexham (Dawes Moor Estate)	...	...	...	231 yds. of 4-in.
Wexham (Rowley Lane)	...	...	...	85 yds. of 3-in.
Datchet (Rear Old Priory, The Green)	...	...	...	148 yds. of 3-in.
Iver-Horton (Moreland Avenue, Colnbrook)	...	...	...	120 yds. of 3-in.
Iver-Horton (Moreland Avenue, Colnbrook)	...	...	...	137 yds. of 4-in.

Remarks indicating sufficiency in quantity and good quality were identical with those of past three years.

The following laboratory report was submitted:—

“SLOUGH CORPORATION WATERWORKS

ANALYSIS OF WATER

Chemical Results in parts per million

Appearance: Clear and bright.	Turbidity: Nil.
Colour: 4.	Odour: Nil.
pH.: 7.1.	Free Carbon Dioxide: 24.
Electric Conductivity: 660.	Total Solids: 465
	Alkalinity as calcium carbonate: 235.
Hardness: Total 320; Carbonate: 235; Non-carbonate 85.	
Nitrate Nitrogen: 2.6.	Nitrite Nitrogen: Less than 0.01.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen: *0.000.	Oxygen absorbed: 0.50.
Albuminoid Nitrogen: *0.20	Residual Chlorine: Absent.
Metals: Absent.	
Fluorine: 0.7.	

*To convert to ammonia, multiply by 1.21.

This sample is clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from iron and other metals. The water is very hard in character, but not excessively so and it contains no excess of salinity or mineral constituents in solution. It is of satisfactory organic quality.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

(Signed) G. M.”

7th July, 1955.

Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Company

Mains laid—

Denham (Denham Green Lane)	55 yds. of 6-in.
Fulmer (Fulmer Chase)	82 yds. of 3-in.
Fulmer (Fulmer Drive)	901 yds. of 6-in.
Fulmer (Fulmer Drive)	20 yds. of 4-in.
Fulmer (Fulmer Drive)	720 yds. of 2-in.
Iver (Rd. ER.4—Swallow Street)	192 yds. of 2-in.
Wraysbury (Hythe End-Wraysbury Staines Road)	1,222 yds. of 6-in.
Wraysbury (Hythe End-Wraysbury Staines Road)	353 yds. of 2-in.

“ . . . This Company has laid on supplies to 168 houses in the Eton Rural District during the year. . . .”

Further observations by the Company regarding quality and treatment were identical with those of last year. In addition it was stated quantity of water delivered had been adequate to meet all demands throughout the area.

Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Waterworks Co., Ltd.

Mains laid—

Taplow—Burnham L.C.C. Estate, Farnham Royal. Trunk main	29 yds. of 3-in.
Taplow—Burnham L.C.C. Estate, Farnham Royal. Trunk main	7 yds. of 6-in.
Taplow—Burnham L.C.C. Estate, Farnham Royal. Trunk main	125 yds. of 12-in.
Taplow—Burnham L.C.C. Estate, Farnham Royal. Trunk main	1,910 yds. of 15-in.
Burnham (L.C.C. Estate)	331 yds. of 3-in.
Burnham (L.C.C. Estate)	6,502 yds. of 4-in.
Burnham (L.C.C. Estate)	1,333 yds. of 6-in.
Burnham (Lily Nursery)	465 yds. of 3-in.
Burnham (Lake End Road)	88 yds. of 4-in.

“ . . . An adequate supply of water was maintained throughout the area during the year. . . .”

SAMPLES COLLECTED FROM SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING PLACES

(1) <i>Name of Swimming Pool or Bathing Place</i>	(2) <i>Controlled by</i>	(3) <i>Bacteriological Samples</i>		(4) <i>Chemical Samples</i>		(5) <i>Remarks</i>
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Result</i>	
Farnham Park Recuperative Home (Outlet)	Privately owned	22/ 2/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Farnham Park Recuperative Home (Outlet)	Privately owned	29/ 3/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Farnham Park Recuperative Home (Outlet)	Privately owned	9/ 6/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Burnham Beeches Pool (Inlet) ...	Privately owned	9/ 6/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Burnham Beeches Pool (Outlet) ...	Privately owned	9/ 6/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Burnham Beeches Children's Pool (Outlet) ...	Privately owned	9/ 6/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Burnham Beeches Pool (Inlet) ...	Privately owned	28/ 7/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Burnham Beeches Pool (Outlet) ...	Privately owned	28/ 7/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Burnham Beeches Children's Pool ...	Privately owned	28/ 7/55	Unsatisfactory	—	—	—
River Colne (Denham Court Camp Site) Outlet	Privately owned	3/ 8/55	Unsatisfactory	—	—	—
River Colne (Denham Court Camp Site) Inlet	Privately owned	3/ 8/55	Unsatisfactory	—	—	—
Burnham Beeches Children's Pool ...	Privately owned	26/ 9/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Farnham Park Recuperative Home ...	Privately owned	26/ 9/55	Unsatisfactory	—	—	—
Burnham Beeches Pool ...	Privately owned	26/ 9/55	Unsatisfactory	—	—	—
Farnham Park Recuperative Home ...	Privately owned	6/10/55	Satisfactory	—	—	—
Total samples collected = 15						

SAMPLES COLLECTED FROM WATER UNDERTAKINGS

(1) <i>Parish</i>	(2) <i>Water Undertaking</i>	(3) <i>Bacteriological Samples</i>		(4) <i>Chemical Samples</i>		(5) <i>Remarks</i>
		<i>Date</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Result</i>	
FARNHAM ROYAL	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co....	13/ 1/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
FARNHAM ROYAL	Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Water Co. ...	31/ 1/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
HEDGERLEY ...	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co....	31/ 1/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
DATCHET ...	Slough Borough Water Department ...	1/ 2/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
WRAYSBURY ...	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co....	1/ 2/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
HEDGERLEY ...	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co....	29/ 3/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
FARNHAM ROYAL	Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Water Co. ...	29/ 3/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
DATCHET ...	Slough Borough Water Department ...	29/ 3/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
DATCHET ...	Slough Borough Water Department ...	2/ 6/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
FULMER ...	Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Co. ...	2/ 6/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
BURNHAM ...	Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Water Co. ...	9/ 6/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
DENHAM ...	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co....	3/ 8/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
DENHAM ...	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co....	3/ 8/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
DENHAM ...	Rickmansworth & Uxbridge Valley Water Co....	3/ 8/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
TAPLOW ...	Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Water Co. ...	29/ 8/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
TAPLOW ...	Marlow Water Co. ...	7/ 9/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
DATCHET ...	Slough Borough Water Department ...	5/10/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
FARNHAM ROYAL	Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Water Co. ...	5/10/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
FARNHAM ROYAL	Burnham, Dorney & Hitcham Water Co. ...	27/10/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
HEDGERLEY ...	Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Co. ...	27/10/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
WRAYSBURY ...	Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Co. ...	21/11/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*
WRAYSBURY ...	South West Suburban Water Co....	6/12/55	Satisfactory	—	—	*

*Total Mains Samples Collected =22.

SAMPLES TAKEN OTHER THAN MAINS

<i>Type of Sample Taken</i>		<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Doubtful</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bacteriological	...	27	57	9	93
Chemical	...	1	8	—	9

SECTION VII

GENERAL SANITATION

I have in past years referred to the lack of main drainage in the district and to all aspects of the problems which daily arise therefrom.

Although considerable progress has been made, particularly in Denham, there can be no complacency when the extent of the remaining unsewered areas coupled with new building projects and other factors are taken into account.

Progress made during the year was as follows:—

Denham

Stage 1. With the completion of three pumping stations and a recorder station, complete scheme put in operation on 1st April.

Stage 2. This scheme completed by the laying of a further 2,288 yards of gravity sewers making a total of 6,978 yards. Of this total, 1,054 yards were in lateral connections.

Burnham

Dropmore Road. Approximately 100 yards of gravity main laid.

Iver

Sewage Disposal Works (Northern). Major extension and modernisation completed, increasing capacity to deal with a population of approximately 9,000 persons (as against the old capacity of 2,500 persons).

Farnham Royal

Technical details and estimates complete, approved by Council and lodged with Ministry for loan sanction.

Sewer Connections

467 premises converted from conservancy to main drainage.

Generally

Consideration was being given to the following major schemes or extensions:—Denham (*Stage 3*), Stoke Poges and Wexham Parishes, Gerrards Cross (Bulstrode Park).

SECTION VIII

LEGISLATION AND DIRECTIVES

The following are the most important Official Publications received during the year which are related to the work of the Health Department.

1. Ministry of Health Circulars and Posters: Venereal Diseases Educational Campaign.
2. Ministry of Health Circular No. 5/55: Diphtheria Prophylaxis Publicity Campaign.
3. Ministry of Food Circular MF.1/55: Myxomatosis in Rabbits and Hares.
4. Ministry of Food Circular MF.3/55: Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. Approved Oxidising and Preservative Agents.
5. Ministry of Health Circular 4/55: National Assistance Act, 1948—Certification of Blindness and Partial Sight.
6. Ministry of Health Memorandum HM(55)28: National Health Service—Nursing Techniques.
7. Ministry of Health Memorandum HM(55)35: Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regs., 1952. Notifications by Hospitals to M.O.H.
8. Ministry of Health Circular 7/55: Civil Defence: Welfare Section. Nursing Courses.
9. Ministry of Food Circular MF.5/55: Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Amendment Regs.
10. Ministry of Food Circular MF.6/55: The Transfer of Functions (Food and Drugs) Order, 1955.
11. Ministry of Food Circular MF.8/55: Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. Approved Oxidising and Preservative Agents.
12. Ministry of Food Circular MF.10/55: Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949/1954.
13. Ministry of Health Illustrated Brochure: Diphtheria Prophylaxis Publicity Campaign.
14. Ministry of Food Circular MF.13/55: Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

SECTION IX

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics

<i>Centre</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Session</i>	<i>Session with Medical Officer</i>
Burnham	Village Hall, Gore Road	1st & 3rd Tuesday	1st Tuesday
Datchet	Working Men's Club	2nd & 4th Wednesday	2nd & 4th Wednesday
Denham	Health Centre, Oxford Road	Weekly Wednesday 2-4 p.m.	1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday
Dorney	Village Hall	1st Tuesday	1st Tuesday
Gerrards Cross	British Legion Hall	1st & 3rd Friday	3rd Friday
Hedgerley	Memorial Hall	1st & 3rd Wednesday	3rd Wednesday
Horton	Champney Hall	1st & 3rd Wednesday	1st Wednesday
Iver	Village Hall	1st & 3rd Wednesday	3rd Wednesday
Iver Heath	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Wednesday	4th Wednesday
Richings Park	Church Room	2nd & 4th Monday	2nd Monday
Stoke Poges	Village Hall	2nd & 4th Tuesday	4th Tuesday
Wraysbury	Scout Hut	2nd Thursday	2nd Thursday

CLINICS

Tuberculosis

The Chest Clinic is at Kipling Memorial Buildings, Alma Road, Windsor, where appointments may be made with the Chest Physician in Charge.

Venereal Diseases

King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor.
Hillingdon Hospital, Hillingdon.
Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

Married Women's Advisory Clinics

Slough: Social Centre, Farnham Road: Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.
Health Centre, Burlington Road: Fridays, 2.30 p.m.-4 p.m.
High Wycombe: Health Centre, The Rye: Weekly, Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

ANTE- AND POST-NATAL CARE

Facilities are provided by the Regional Hospital Board and Clinics are conducted at all the main General Hospitals and Maternity Homes in the surrounding districts as follows:—

King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor	Ante-Natal	Monday mornings
King Edward VII Hospital (Old Windsor) (Clinics held at Kipling Memorial Buildings, Alma Road, Windsor)	Ante- and Post-Natal	Friday mornings, Tuesday afternoons
Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow	Ante-Natal	2nd and 4th Thursday mornings each month
Colinswood Maternity Home, Farnham Common	Ante- and Post-Natal	Every 3rd Monday morning (monthly), and every Wednesday morning
Upton Hospital, Slough ...	Ante- and Post-Natal	Monday morning and Thursday afternoon (Ante-Natal) Monday afternoon and Friday morning (Post-Natal)

REGISTERED NURSING HOMES

There are a number of registered Nursing Homes in the Eton Rural District. Location and further particulars may be obtained from the Medical Officer of Health.

HOSPITALS

The area is served by the following hospitals:—

General Hospitals:

The Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, nr. Maidenhead, Berks.
 King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Berks.
 Old Windsor Hospital, Old Windsor, Berks.
 Upton Hospital, Slough, Bucks.
 Iver, Denham and Langley Cottage Hospital, Iver, Bucks.
 Maidenhead General Hospital, Maidenhead, Berks.

Infectious Diseases Hospitals:

Maidenhead Isolation Hospital, Maidenhead, Berks.
 St. John's Hospital, Uxbridge, Middx.

Chronic Sick:

St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, Berks.
 Old Windsor Hospital, Old Windsor, Berks.

Part III Accommodation:

St. Mark's Hospital, Maidenhead, Berks.
 Old Windsor Hospital, Old Windsor, Berks.
 Upton Hospital, Slough, Bucks.

Maternity Accommodation:

Upton Hospital, Slough, Bucks.

The Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, nr.
Maidenhead, Berks.

Old Windsor Hospital, Old Windsor, Berks.

Colinswood Maternity Home, Farnham Common, Bucks.

Princess Christian Maternity Home, Windsor, Berks.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the Year 1955

To the Chairman and Members of the Eton Rural District Council.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The year under review has seen the completion by me of 25 years' service with the Council, and in this respect I trust I may be excused for looking back over the years to 1930.

In those days the Medical Officer of Health was a part-time Officer, and the Public Health Department consisted of two full-time Sanitary Inspectors, each responsible for a district into which the then nineteen parishes were grouped. Other staff consisted of one junior (male) and all correspondence, etc., was done in longhand. Transport was by motor-cycle, and early morning duties, starting around 4 a.m. to the many farms then milk producing and to slaughterhouses operating at all times of the day, needed a strong constitution and plenty of enthusiasm for this work. Meetings of the Council and of Committees were held at the Board Room, Poor Law Institution, Slough.

Scavenging (now known as Public Cleansing) was undertaken on a Parish basis by Contractors, some responsible to Parochial Committees whilst others were supervised as far as possible by the Sanitary Inspectors. Some Parishes had either little or nothing in the way of these services. The privy then still figured largely as a "sanitary convenience." Since those early days, the district has developed steadily. There has been some alteration of boundaries and a reduction in the number of Parishes. Nostalgic impressions are firmly fixed in my mind of sweeping changes in the appearance of Colnbrook Village as a result of the Council's "Slum Clearance" activities in 1935, the Denham scarlet fever outbreak earlier the same year, and ignoring war-time activities of day and night, the more recent floods of 1947.

Allowing for the war-time period it is regrettable that despite the efforts of the Council and its Officers, the main theme of the Annual Report over the years relates to the absence of main drainage to much of the district, and, to a considerably lesser extent, the absence of piped water supplies. I am aware that the Council share my concern about these omissions.

In conclusion, it is a pleasure once again to express the usual, but none the less sincere, appreciation of the understanding and co-operation received from Members of the Council and the Staff, especially the Clerk to the Council, the Medical Officer of Health and my own immediate colleagues in the Public Health Department.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
A. W. G. CORNER,
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION X
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk

No changes of any importance were noted.
Visits were made to farms in cases where Tuberculosis and/or Brucella Abortus had been reported by the County Health Department in samples of milk. No further action was necessary.
Seventy samples of milk were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Reading, with results as under:—

Milk Samples

<i>Designation</i>	<i>Number taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>	<i>Test Incomplete</i>
Pasteurised	36	26	—	10
Pasteurised T.T.	28	20	—	8
Tuberculin Tested	1	1	—	—
Sterilised	5	5	—	—

Milk Special Designation Orders

Licences for designated milks were granted as follows:—

Dealers' Licences

Pasteurised	12
Tuberculin Tested	13
Sterilised	15

Dealers' Supplementary Licences

Pasteurised	13
Tuberculin Tested	13
Sterilised	6

Ice Cream

Seven premises were registered during the year for sale of ice cream.
No new registrations were made in respect of manufacture.

Forty-five samples of ice cream were submitted to Public Health Laboratory, Reading, with undermentioned results:—

Grade 1	...	32	Grade 3	...	4
Grade 2	...	7	Grade 4	...	1
		—			—
		39			5
		—			—

One sample test was void.

The Gradings were slightly less favourable than previous year.

Meat and Other Foods

(a) Meat

In general the position so far as slaughterhouses were concerned was as for previous year, although one existing private:

	<i>Cattle except Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed	179	81	244	358	2,727	Nil
Number inspected	179	81	244	358	2,727	Nil
<i>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned...	26	14	Nil	1	96	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ...	14.52	17.28	—	0.28	3.63	—
<i>Tuberculosis Only</i>						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	12	15	Nil	Nil	27	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	6.71	19.75	—	—	0.10	—
<i>Cysticercosis</i>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Total weight of condemned meat and offal, 1 ton 10 cwt. 64 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

slaughterhouse of the total of six then agreed has been licensed, bringing total up to five.

The total number of visits to slaughterhouses was 470 and animals examined 3,589, as against corresponding figures for previous year of 320 and 1,273 respectively. Tabulated results are given later.

The case of illicit slaughtering on unlicensed premises referred to in last year's Report was before the Magistrates' Court in the early part of the year, when the defendant was convicted for using premises as a slaughterhouse and for slaughtering animals without holding necessary licences and for failure to give notice of intention to slaughter. Fined total of £45 and costs of £2 2s. 0d. imposed.

Assistance was given to the police in respect of two dead pigs abandoned in a ditch. No disease was found.

(b) Other Foods

The following samples of food were submitted for examination:

Seven samples of Chinese Dried Egg Powder.

A number of oyster shells.

One School meal prepared and submitted by School Meals Service.

All were found to be free from harmful organisms.

Two complaints were received relative to bread: in one case being mouldy and the other instance to bread containing part of an insect. Both cases were investigated, but further action was unnecessary.

The following articles of food were dealt with as unsound or unfit for human consumption and without recourse to formal action:—

Luncheon Meat

1 6-lb. tin of Pork Luncheon Meat

1 4-lb. tin of Pork Luncheon Meat

35 12-oz. tins of Pork Luncheon Meat

2 4-lb. tins of Pork Luncheon Meat (Dutch)

1 4-lb. tin of Luncheon Meat (Dutch)

Imported Beef

42 lbs. of Imported Beef (bone taint)

68 lbs. of Argentine beef (decomposition)

Corned Beef

1 6-lb. tin of Corned Beef (Australian)

1 large tin of Corned Beef

Shrimps

48 pots of Shrimps

Scampi

12 lbs. of Scampi

Fruit Salad

3 tins of Fruit Salad

Egg

1 14-lb. tin of liquid Frozen Whole Egg (South African)

Imported Lambs

2 10-lb. cartons of Imported Lamb

Fruit

6 tins of fruit

7 lb. tin of Crushed Pineapple

Fish Cakes

1 box of Fish Cakes

Cheese

14½ lbs. Cheese

Evaporated Milk

6 tins of Evaporated Milk

Potatoes

1 ton of Potatoes

Prawns

12 lbs. of Prawns

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKER YARDS, ETC.**Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933**

Renewals	11
New Licences	3

Game Licences

Renewals	18
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**The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty)
(No. 2) Regulations, 1954**

As required by Article 30, the following Annual Return for the year 1955 was received from the occupier of the Knacker's Yard operating in the District:—

Horses slaughtered	...	...	9
Horse carcasses received	...	...	25

Certain work was carried out, including the provision of a building for the storage of bones; provision of manure pit and covered bins for reception of wastes, etc.

SECTION XI

RODENT INFESTATIONS AND DESTRUCTION, ETC.

The 10% test baiting of manholes on the sewerage system as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food which is a condition of the financial grant was made on the 9th—12th May (inclusive) and the satisfactory negative result confirmed the dispensation granted for the previous year.

The application of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, continued much on the same lines as for previous year and the undermentioned figures do not call for comment:—

		<i>Primary</i>	
Visits	... ..	603	(625)
Treatment (baiting, gassing and trapping)	... ..	3,143*	(2,710)
Dead rats found	... ..	466	(458)
Dead mice found...	... ..	166	(136)

*Including treatment of 15 business premises for which charges were made.

DISINFECTIONS AND DISINFESTATIONS

Disinfection of Premises

In respect of:—

Tuberculosis	... ..	3	Poliomyelitis	... ..	11
Removal of bedding for steam disinfection,	... ..				16
(including cases above and one each of Meningitis and Scabies.)					

No disinfestations of premises necessary in respect of bugs, etc. In a few instances assistance was given relating to wasps, etc., but generally occupiers avail themselves of the very effective insecticides which are now on the market.

The number of disinfections continues to be low and is perhaps a fair reflection of the general health of the district at the present time, but conditions do not always remain static.

Four certificates were given in respect of clothing being sent abroad to Russia and Czechoslovakia.

SECTION XII

1. INSPECTIONS for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

(including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors)

<i>Premises</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (2)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (3)	<i>Written Notices</i> (4)	<i>Occupiers Prosecuted</i> (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	17	26	3	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	125	158	10	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises) ...	—	—	—	—
Total ...	142	184	13	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	3	3	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient ...	3	3	—	3	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	7	7	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	4	—	4	—	—
Total ...	17	13	4	4	—

Outworkers inspections ... 6

Workplaces inspections ... 19

SECTION XIII

MOVABLE DWELLINGS

Throughout the year the total number of caravans used for residential purposes showed very little increase. No new multiple sites were set up.

Constant attention to the need for a satisfactory standard of public health was maintained by frequent inspections. This, as in previous years, involved a considerable amount of time but its importance was appreciated.

As the planning and public health aspects of this matter are closely linked, evidence was given at a number of Public Inquiries and at hearings at the Magistrates' Courts.

The unauthorised siting of gypsy caravans and resultant nuisances occurred again from time to time throughout the year, particularly on abandoned highways. A conference with other interested authorities resulted in closer co-operation to secure removal. Basically the problem is a social one.

Finally, it had been hoped that ten years after the war and with a steady increase year by year in the number of permanent houses available the use generally of caravans for all-the-year-round residential purposes would be showing a marked decline. This does not appear to be so and it is regrettable from a public health aspect that fairly large families in particular are still being reared in the limited confines of a caravan.

SECTION XIV

HOUSING

Progress in respect of provision of new houses and action taken in respect of unfit houses is summarised below:—

(a) New Houses

Houses completed during the year:—

				1954	1953
1.	By Council	...	199	(182)	(130)
2.	By private enterprise	...	270	(148)	(158)

(b) Unfit Houses

The Ministry of Health by Circular 17/55 refer to the returns which have now to be submitted quarterly relating to the demolition, closing and repair of houses under the Housing & Public Health Acts, and indicate that in consequence the inclusion of details on housing matters in Annual Reports can henceforth be discontinued.

The following is, however, a brief summary:—

Houses demolished as a result of formal action under Housing Act (Demolition Orders, etc.)	...	...	5
Houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders and/or Undertakings	...	...	3

Houses made fit following formal action under Housing Act (Closing Orders, Undertakings)...	...	...	...	3
Houses made fit following informal action under Housing Act or Public Health Act ...	...	...	...	105*

*This figure does not include those properties made fit where, as a result of Improvement Grant applications, repairs, as distinct from improvements, have been requested.

Housing Repairs & Rents Act, 1954

No new applications for certificates of disrepair were received, but two which were under consideration at end of last year were granted. Two applications for revocation of certificates were granted to owners.

(c) *Improvement Grants, Housing Act, 1949*

Applications received	...	...	55	(21)
Approved and work commenced	15	(9)		
Withdrawn after formal approval	3	(2)		
Withdrawn prior to formal approval	...	...	19	(1)
Rejected	...	...	9	(2)
Under investigation at end of year	9	(7)		
	—		55	
			—	

SECTION XV

OTHER MATTERS

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 & 1936

Licence Applications

Renewals	...	...	...	...	...	125
New	...	...	...	...	...	6

Total Licence Capacity

Petroleum Spirit	...	...	193,914 gallons
Petroleum Mixtures	...	...	1,420 gallons

Pet Animals Act, 1951

One application was received and granted.

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907. Section 86

No new registrations made during the year.

Miscellaneous Matters

The following were received for information and observations:—

Local Land Charge Search enquiries	...	1,281	(1,456)
Plans and applications (Building Byelaws and Town & Country Planning)	...	1,490	(1,303)

SECTION XVI

NOTICES

Formal

Housing Act, 1936 (Section 9)	Nil
Public Health Acts	14

Informal	289
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Visits and Inspections

Housing (including Public Health)	1,535
Water Supplies	108
Drainage ...	...	...	...	760
Watercourses (flooding, etc.) ...	...	...	...	20
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits and Nuisances (animals, dust, noise, burials)...	...	...	...	183
Factories:				
(1) Motive power ...	...	...	...	158
(2) Non-motive power ...	...	...	...	26
Workplaces ...	...	...	...	19
Outworkers ...	...	...	...	6
Food Premises, Shops, Restaurants, etc. ...	...	...	...	666
Swimming Pools ...	...	...	...	25
Schools ...	...	...	...	2
Infectious Disease ...	...	...	...	169
Movable Dwellings (including sites) ...	...	...	...	530
Hutted Camps ...	...	...	...	5
Gypsies ...	...	...	...	50
Refuse (including Tips) ...	...	...	...	33
Petroleum ...	...	...	...	123
Infestations ...	...	...	...	15
Shops Act ...	...	...	...	55
Smoke Abatement ...	...	...	...	9
Stables and Piggeries ...	...	...	...	46
Slaughterhouses and Knacker Yards...	486
Licensed Premises	34
Bakehouses	69

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